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### Addendum

## IV. Future priorities and establishment of a multi-year workplan

1. The Chair introduced the further consideration and adoption of the multi-year workplan for the Working Group, noting that the Conference, in resolution 4/3, had decided to adopt such a plan to provide a framework for the substantive discussions of the Working Group's meetings and assist States parties in their preparation for the review of the implementation of Chapter II of the Convention. A representative of the Secretariat described the background of the multi-year workplan and invited States parties to finalize its content and share their views on ways in which the work of the Working Group could meet the requirements of its mandate.
2. Several speakers expressed their approval of the topics proposed in the draft workplan for the period 2013 to 2015. It was further noted that more emphasis could be placed on identifying international norms and standards in the prevention of corruption as the next cycle of the Implementation Review Mechanism approaches.
3. Speakers expressed concern that the inclusion in the topic on anti-corruption bodies of those covering investigative capacities in line with article 36 of the Convention may take focus away from the prevention functions of anti-corruption agencies addressed in article 6 of the Convention.
4. With regard to the topic in the draft workplan regarding public education, it was proposed that the topic focus on the education of children and young people, and not extend to engagement of children in anti-corruption prevention measures or the role of mass media and the Internet.
5. Speakers noted the challenges of assessing the effectiveness and impact of steps that have been taken to implement provisions of Chapter II and suggested that this topic be



further explored by the Working Group. One speaker suggested that this could be achieved through the development of country-based indicators, which could later be collated into regional and global indicators to measure the impact of corruption prevention initiatives. The Chair suggested that the issue of measuring impact of preventive measures be taken into consideration in relation to the substantive topics of the workplan, particularly regarding the topic on the mandates of anti-corruption bodies, and noted that the Secretariat may consider the development of a tool to aid in the measurement of the impact.

6. A representative from the Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights stressed that implementation of human rights and anti-corruption efforts are mutually reinforcing as indicated by the Human Rights Council and emphasized the importance of a human rights-based approach to the implementation of the Convention and the prevention of corruption.

7. A representative from the Council of Europe provided an update of the GRECO process, and noted that the next cycle of evaluation would include preventive measures against corruption, with special focus on transparency measures, conflicts of interest and asset declarations in relation to parliamentarians, prosecutors and judges.

## **V. Conclusions and recommendations**

8. The Working Group adopted the proposed topics in the workplan for 2013 and adopted on an indicative basis those topics for 2014 and 2015, subject to reconsideration at subsequent sessions of the Group and the Conference of the States Parties, as follows:

### 2013:

- Integrity in the judiciary, judicial administration and prosecution services (article 11)
- Public education, in particular the engagement of children and young people, and the role of mass media and the Internet (article 13)

### 2014:

- Mandates of anti-corruption body or bodies in respect of prevention (article 6)
- Public sector legislative and administrative measures, including measures to enhance transparency in the funding of candidatures for elected public office and, where applicable, the funding of political parties (articles 5 and 7)

### 2015:

- Measures to prevent money-laundering (article 14)
- Integrity in public procurement processes and transparency and accountability in the management of public finances (article 9 and 10)

9. The Working Group recommended that the Secretariat consider how it could support States Parties in assessing the impact of measures taken to prevent corruption in accordance with Chapter II of the Convention.